

**PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**



**NORTHERN SHUSWAP  
TRIBAL COUNCIL**

**AND**



**THOMPSON RIVERS  
UNIVERSITY**

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Northern Shuswap Tribal Council is committed in assisting our member Communities achieve their vision for self-determination through the gaining of knowledge and lifelong learning.*

## BACKGROUND

In the spirit of collaboration and good faith, the Northern Shuswap Tribal Council (NSTC) approached Thompson Rivers University (TRU) and requested them to act as a partner in the development and provision of educational programs to the Northern Secwepemc te Qelmucw (NStQ) according to our needs and cultural values.

## WHEREAS:

TRU is deeply committed to creating access for NStQ First Nation learners and supports the integration of First Nations knowledge, culture, history and language into a university education. Through this Agreement, TRU and NSTC formally acknowledge their partnership and agree to work toward the development and delivery of learning activities in the areas of academic, vocational, career/technical, and continuing education for NStQ learners.

This Partnership will formalize, expand and enhance the working relationship between the parties, and set forth principles, objectives and processes for the planning and development of specific educational programs that capitalize on the respective strengths of the parties. This will involve overall program planning, as well as implementing specific NStQ curriculum and the development of joint certificates, diplomas and degrees. The relationship is based on mutual respect and cooperation.

## **SECTION A**

### ***PROGRAM GOAL***

To create opportunities for the NStQ learners to pursue their education in a way that is mindful of their needs.

## **SECTION B**

### ***OBJECTIVES***

- Collaboration in promoting the development and growth of the NStQ to have educated, articulate, creative, and responsible leaders among their people
- To give NStQ learners access to learning opportunities through TRU
- To build a skilled, trained work force that meets the needs of the NStQ
- Programs enriched by NStQ content, while maintaining high academic standards
- Positive, respectful, and culturally sensitive learning environment

## **SECTION C**

### ***OUTCOMES OF THE PARTNERSHIP***

- More efficient use of resources
- Greater mutual understanding between the Partners
- More integrative planning
- More opportunities for the NStQ learners
- Increased enrolment and completion
- Successful integration of learned skills in their chosen field

## **SECTION D**

### **ARTICLE I *Working Together***

TRU and NSTC commit to work together to:

- 1.1 Seek and secure funding for programs
- 1.2 Maintain a high level of cooperation
- 1.3 Design a process for the selection, support, and evaluation of mutual programs
- 1.4 Develop necessary structures and/or bodies to support objectives
- 1.5 Jointly promote our programs

## **SECTION E**

### **ARTICLE II *Joint Roles & Responsibilities***

- 2.1 Provide faculty orientation for professors
- 2.2 Collaboration of academic advising and student registration
- 2.3 Use of partner's logos with prior approval and in accordance with partnership agreement
- 2.4 Respect for the legal requirements/framework of each party
- 2.5 The Executive Director of NSTC and the Director of TRU Williams Lake Campus will serve as a first point of contact for any concerns or areas of clarification required in the interpretation of this agreement.



## **SECTION E**

### ***ARTICLE III Roles and Responsibilities of TRU***

- 3.1 Provide faculty orientation for professors chosen to teach NSTC courses and/or programs
- 3.2 Academic advising and registration of students
- 3.3 Make information available to students regarding their education status
- 3.4 Ensure full degree credit that satisfies residency requirements and transferability of all courses
- 3.5 Provision of ongoing financial contribution to the Wages, Benefits and Operational support of a Coordinator Position with the NSTC
- 3.6 Ensure the first right of refusal for Course Registrations for NSTC developed courses rest with the NSTC
- 3.7 Provide on-site delivery at the Williams Lake Campus or off-site as arranged
- 3.8 Assist NSTC in developing outlines, curriculum information, evaluation policy and tools, resource lists, and other such materials and advice necessary to enable NSTC to meet community needs
- 3.9 Consult with NSTC with regard to: selection of professors, programming, student recruiting, and academic advising
- 3.10 Ensure NStQ students' access to TRU and use of its facilities
- 3.11 Ensure that NSTC maintains ownership over all cultural material for which it has intellectual property rights

## **SECTION F**

### ***ARTICLE IV Roles and Responsibilities of the Northern Shuswap Tribal Council***

- 4.1 Provision of office space, administrative support and guidance to the Program Coordinator in keeping with the Funding Agreement negotiated in support of this Partnership Agreement
- 4.2 Identification of learning needs of the NStQ and possible course selection/development to meet those needs
- 4.3 Apply for funds from all sources to meet the objectives
- 4.4 Accountable for all funding received
- 4.5 Promotion and marketing of developed courses
- 4.6 Ensure an NStQ cultural presence at ceremonies

## SECTION G

### **ARTICLE V REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

- 5.1 The Agreement will be evaluated in the month of July each year and may be reopened at any time on the written request of either party
- 5.2 Neither party may assign its interests or rights under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.
- 5.3 The provisions of this Agreement in no way prevent TRU and NSTC from undertaking separate mutual agreements to provide other activities.
- 5.4 The Partnership Agreement will remain in effect from the date of signing until either party gives ninety (90) days written notice to dissolve the Partnership.

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Date: 30 Oct 2011



Alan Shaver, President  
Thompson Rivers University



Ray Sanders, Director  
Thompson Rivers University

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Date: 23 Sept 2011



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